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ATHENS PLEASE PASS CLIFFORD MISSION

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1. THE IMMINENT VISIT OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION GENERATED A
NUMBER OF STATEMENTS BY TURKISH LEADERS AS WELL AS PROMINENT
NEWS COVERAGE AND SPECULATION IN THE FEB 19 PRESS.

2. AMONG THE STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST WERE:

A. PRIMIN DEMIREL, IN ANSWER TO A NEWSMAN'S
QUESTION, STATED THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT ABANDON THE IDEA OF
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A CYPRUS SOLUTION BASED ON A BIREGIONAL FEDERATION WITH A
GEOGRAPHICAL FOUNDATION.

B. DEPPRIMIN ERBAKAN (CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLAMIC-REVIVALIST
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY), LONG NOTED FOR HIS OPPOSITION
TO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS, STATED THAT "WE CANNOT
BE MADE TO GIVE LAND CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS." ERBAKAN, IN A
POINTED REFERENCE TO FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, ALSO SAID "NO

MINISTER CAN CREATE A PERSONAL POLICY HIDDEN FROM THE GOVERNMENT." ERBAKAN SAID THAT FAMAGUSTA WOULD "REMAIN A TURKISH REGION AND A TURKISH CITY" AND THAT THERE WERE "IDEAS" FOR UTILIZING THE TOURISTIC FACILITIES OF MARAS AS A VACATION AREA FOR ALL TURKISH GOVT MINISTRIES.

C. DR. MUAMMER BAYKAN, SEC GEN OF THE TURKISH-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION, TOLD THE ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY THAT "THE TURKISH-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION REJECTED THE EMBARGO FROM ITS INCEPTION. EMBARGO IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH ALLIANCE."

3. PRES CARTER'S LETTER TO PRIMIN DEMIREL WAS ANNOUNCED OVER TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION FEB 18 AND REPORTED IN MANY PAPERS THE FOLLOWING DAY. MOST FEATURED STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE, BUT INFLUENTIAL LEFTIST CUMHURIYET HEADLINED ITS ACCOUNT "CARTER DID NOT TOUCH ON THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE MESSAGE TO DEMIREL."

4. OTHER PRESS ITEMS OF INTEREST:

A. CUMHURIYET DEVOTED ITS ENTIRE LAST PAGE TO AN ACCOUNT OF US MEDIATION EFFORTS BETWEEN ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA. IN ONE OF THE SUBHEADLINES, CUMHURIYET WROTE "CLIFFORD PROPOSED TO JOHNSON THREATENING THE SENDING OF THE SIXTH FLEET IN 1964."

B. IN A SIMILAR FASHION, MASS CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN EDITORIALIST INSINUATED THAT CLIFFORD WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 1964 JOHNSON LETTER SINCE "WAS HE NOT JOHNSON'S SECTY OF DEFENSE?"

C. HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, BANNER HEADLINES "AMERICA SHOULD GIVE UP NURSE MAIDING," THIS REPORTEDLY A QUOTE FROM A "HIGH OFFICIAL" OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MFA. IN A RELATED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE FROM ITS ATHENS CORRESPONDENT, HURRIYET REPORTED THAT "ATHENS REACTED TO CLIFFORD LIKE ICE."
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